

of time and money.

At the Experimental station the men in the shop having finished overhauling the tractors, are now busy checking over all the other farm machinery. They began with those implements which will be in use first in the spring.

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It is not enough to rely entirely upon memory when it comes to deciding what repairs have to be made. Each machine must be thoroughly examined from top to bottom, from one end to the other. The wheels are taken off and checked as chances

are that the bearings need cleaning and repacking with grease. What about the power lift? Was it working properly when used last? Disc furrow openers will not do their job properly if they are seized up nor if they are too loose. Press wheels on drills sometimes shear their pins and slide along the shaft.

Springs do not last forever. There are some on almost every machine, even on such innocent implements as lever barrows. Each spring has a job to do. If one is broken, or has been lost, replacement is necessary. Springs are to be found everywhere and in all sizes, from the big counterpoise springs on one-way discs and

mowers to the little ones in grease nipples. The grease nipples are very important too. They provide the means by which a machine can be lubricated. Grease is cheaper than bearings.

But it is not enough to examine only the working parts of the machine. Without a framework to hold them in place the working parts would be useless. Frames are subject to considerable vibration and strain and may have cracks in the metal. Nuts sometimes work loose and bolts

are loose. The loss of a bolt may lead to the breakage of one of the vital parts of a machine.

Plow shares and cultivator shovels should not be overlooked. After last year's dry fall they will all need sharpening. The blacksmith is not so busy now as he will be in a month hence.

A thorough check over and necessary repairs to machinery now will eliminate many costly delays during the season.

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